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IN SUPPORT

OF THE

DUDLEY CANAL BILL.

THE Company of Proprietors of the *Staffordſhire* Canal allege, that they, and the Owners of the *Bilſtone* Collieries, are at preſent greatly injured by the Junction with the *Dudley* and *Stourbridge* Canals.

To which it is anſwered, That ſo far from that Company being injured, their Dividends have increaſed ever ſince that Junction; and that in the laſt Year they divided £. 18 *per Cent.*

The Company of Proprietors of the *Staffordſhire* Canal ſay, they deſire to be permitted to lower the Tonnage upon their Canal, for the Benefit of the Public.

The Proprietors of the *Dudley* and *Stourbridge* Canals, and of the ſaid Collieries, only object to the Tonnage being *partially* lowered; and they are now willing that the *Staffordſhire* Company ſhall be permitted to reduce their Tonnage 3 *d.* a Ton upon the *Bilſtone* Coals, provided the ſame Reduction be made

made in the Tonnage of the *Tipton* Coals, without any Reduction upon the *Stourbridge* and *Dudley* Coals.

All Coals ſent from the *Dudley* and *Stourbridge* Canals, to *Stourport*, paſs upwards of 12 Miles upon the *Staffordſhire* Canal, and pay to that Company Two Pence a Ton *per* Mile; and the Coals ſent from the Extenſion will be ſubject to the ſame Rate of Tonnage; whereas the *Bilſtone* Coals only pay *One Penny Halfpenny* a Ton *per* Mile, for the Diſtance they paſs upon the *Staffordſhire* Canal.

The Advantages arising to the Public from the Dudley Canal Extension, are,

I. That Coals from the *Tipton* Collieries will be brought to the *Stourport* Market, which they cannot be at preſent, on Account of their Diſtance.

II. That Limeſtone will be delivered at *Stewpony*, 1*s*. 2*d*. in 2*s*. 7*d* ½. a Ton cheaper than by Way of *Autherley*.

III. That Ironſtone will be ſent from the Mines on the *Dudley* Canal, to *Tipton*, at 9*d*. a Ton; whereas the Conveyance by *Autherley* amounts to 6*s*. 3*d* ¼. and by Land Carriage is 2*s*. 6*d*. a Ton.

IV. That Merchandize will be conveyed from *Birmingham* to the *Severn*, upwards of 15 Miles nearer than by Way of *Autherley*, which will be a conſiderable Saving in Freight and Time.

V. That *Stourbridge* Clay, for Furnace Bricks and Melting Pots, Iron, Glaſs, and other Merchandize, will be ſent to *Birmingham* by a Water Carriage of 16 Miles only; whereas the preſent Water Carriage by *Autherley* is near 40 Miles.

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